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update the display data in the displaying apparatus **100** having a feeling as if he turns the pages bending the book.

Alternatively, the display controller **140** may set the updating speed based on the deformation volume in the bend member **120**. For example, the display controller **140** speeds up the updating speed as the deformation volumes increase. In this case, the user can set the updating speed of the display data only by changing the deformation volume.

FIG. **5** is a sectional view showing a configuration of a bend member **150a** as a modification of the bend member **120a**. FIG. **5** corresponds to the A-A section view of the bend member **150** shown in FIG. **1**. In addition, a bend member **150b**, i.e. a modification of the bend member **120b**, includes the same configuration as the bend member **150a**.

The bend member **150** includes a plurality of sheet-like bend members **152**, and a plurality of deformation volume detectors **154**. Each of the sheet-like bend members **152** is stacked each other. Each of the deformation volume detectors **154** detects each of the deformation directions of the sheet-like bend members **152** and each of the deformation volumes of the sheet-like bend members **152**. The sheet-like bend member **152** is for example made of elastic resin. One end of each of the sheet-like bend members **152** is fixed to the frame **100a** in the displaying apparatus **100** respectively, and the other end of each of the sheet-like bend members **152** is operable to be bended respectively. Each of the deformation volume detectors **154** includes planar piezoelectric material, which is fixed to each of the sheet-like bend members **152**. Each of the deformation volume detectors **154** outputs a signal of the voltage polarity and a signal of the voltage, each of which is generated on a surface of the piezoelectric element, to the display controller **140**, as a signal of the bend direction and as a signal of the deformation volume in each of the sheet-like bend members **152**.

The user bends the plurality of the sheet-like bend members **152** with a feeling of turning papers when inputting an indication for updating the display data to the displaying apparatus **100** according to the present modification. Therefore, the user can update the display data in the displaying apparatus **100** with the feeling of turning the pages of the book.

FIG. **6** is a flowchart showing the operation of the display controller **140** according to the present modification. The display controller **140** decides which the sheet-like bend members **152** is bended, based on in which the deformation volume detectors **154** the voltage is generated (S100). Next, the display controller **140** sets the display data to be displayed firstly, based on the result of each of the decisions of the sheet-like bend members **152**. For example, the display controller **140** sets the display data, based on a stacking order in which the bended sheet-like bend members **152** are stacked. In this case, the stacking order in which plural sheet-like bend members **152** are stacked may be related to the order of the pages of the electronic book, in advance. More specifically, as the bended sheet-like bend member **152** is closer to the surface of the displaying apparatus **100**, the display controller **140** sets the display data corresponding to the previous page of the electronic book, as the display data to be displayed firstly. Thus, the user can select the display data to be displayed firstly with the feeling of opening the book. In addition, when the displaying apparatus **100** of the present modification used, a plurality of sheet-like bend members **152** is usually bended by the user. In this case, the display controller **140** may select set the display data to be displayed firstly, based on the stacking order of the bended sheet-like bend member **152** which is most closely to the surface of the

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displaying apparatus **100**, selected from the plural sheet-like bend members **152** which are bended.

Next, the display controller **140** decides that which the bend members **150** the sheet-like bend member **152** detecting the deformation volume, belongs to (S104). The display controller **140** sets the updating order of the display data, based on the result of this decision (S106).

After displaying the display data to be displayed firstly, in each time the user separates his finger from each of the sheet-like bend members **152**, i.e., any of the sheet-like bend members **152** is released from its bend (S108 YES), the display controller **140** updates the display data (S110), and next the operation goes back to the S104. When none of the sheet-like bend members **152** is released from its bend for a predetermined time (S108 NO), the display controller **140** finishes the step of updating the display data. Therefore, the user can search desirable display data with the feeling of turning the pages of the book.

FIG. **7** is a front view showing a first modification of the displaying apparatus **100**. According to the present modification, the displaying apparatus **100** includes one bend member **160** in place of both the bend member **120a** and the bend member **120b**. Other components except the bend member **160** will not describe because they have the same configuration as the displaying apparatus **100** in FIG. **3**. The bend member **160** extends in one direction, such as perpendicular direction. The bend member **160** includes a plurality of deformation volume detectors **162**, each of which is located in certain interval along a longitudinal direction of the bend member **160**. Each of the deformation volume detectors **162** includes piezoelectric material and outputs a signal of the bend direction and a signal of the deformation volume to the display controller **140**. In the present modification, the displaying apparatus **100** detects which a part of the bend member **160** the user bends. The displaying apparatus **100** selects the display data to be displayed firstly or sets the updating speed based on the results of the detections. Therefore, the user can operate the displaying apparatus **100** with one hand.

FIG. **8** is a flowchart showing another operation of the display controller **140**. The display controller **140** detects which a part of the bend member **160** the user bends. More specifically, the display controller **140** decides that which the deformation volume detectors **162** detects its deformation (S200). Next, the display controller **140** sets the display data to be displayed firstly, based on the position of the bended part (S202). For example, when the user moves the bend position to an upper part in the bend member **160** shown in FIG. **7**, the display controller **140** sets data of which order is previous to the present display data, as the display data to be displayed firstly. When the user moves the bend position to a lower part in the bend member **160** shown in FIG. **7**, the display controller **140** sets data of which order is next to the present display data, as the display data to be displayed firstly.

Next, the display controller **140** decides the deformation volume of the bend member **160** (S204), and sets the updating speed of the display data, based on the deformation volume that is decided (S206). For example, the display controller **140** speeds up the updating speed of the display data, as the decided deformation volume is larger.

Next the display controller **140** decides the bend direction at the bend member **160** (S208), and sets the order for updating the display data based on the bend direction that is decided (S210). Next, the display controller **140** updates the display data, based on both the updating speed and the updating order (S212). The display controller **140** repeats the steps from S204 to S212, as long as the user continues to bend the bend member **160** (S214).